

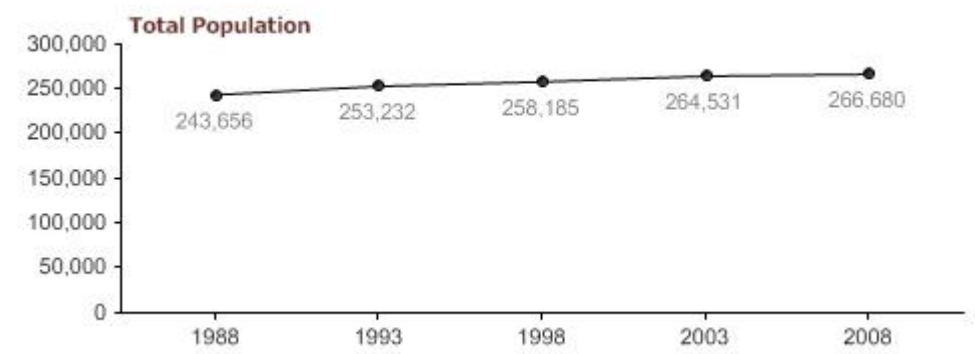
St. Joseph County, IN Highlights

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Overview	Population	Education	Commuting	Labor Force	Industry	Income	Firm Size

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	243,656	253,232	258,185	264,531	266,680
Change Since 1988		9,576	14,529	20,875	23,024
Pct. Change Since 1988		3.9%	6.0%	8.6%	9.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-1,158
International Migration	472
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	1,526
Births	3,863
Deaths	2,337

A bar chart titled "Components of Change" showing the breakdown of population change from 2007 to 2008. The y-axis represents the number of people, ranging from -1,500 to 2,000 in increments of 500. The x-axis lists three categories: Domestic Migration, International Migration, and Natural Increase. The bars are colored blue, red, and green respectively. The values are labeled on the bars: -1,158 for Domestic Migration, 472 for International Migration, and 1,526 for Natural Increase.

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Population Estimates by Age in 2007

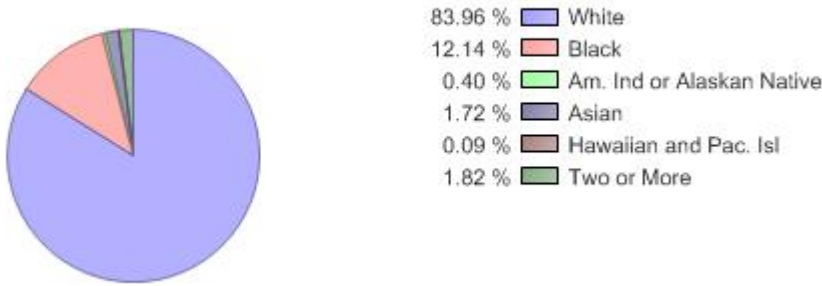
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	18,950	7.1%
School Age	48,634	18.3%
College Age	30,557	11.5%
Young Adult	66,582	25.1%
Older Adult	66,946	25.2%
Older (65 plus)	34,419	13.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	1,054	0.4%
Asian Alone	4,578	1.7%
Black Alone	32,254	12.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	227	0.1%
White Alone	223,125	84.0%
Two or More Race Groups	4,850	1.8%

Population by Race



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	249,771	94.0%
Hispanic or Latino	16,317	6.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

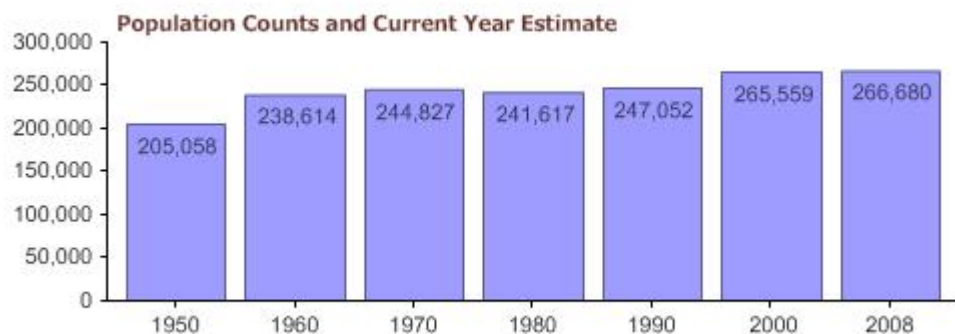
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	100,743	100.0%
Family Households	66,802	66.3%
Married with Children	22,247	22.1%
Married without Children	28,122	27.9%
Single Parents	10,013	9.9%
Other	6,420	6.4%
Non-family Households	33,941	33.7%
Living Alone	28,149	27.9%
Average Household Size	2.64	
Average Family Household Size	3.98	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical	Pct. Chg.
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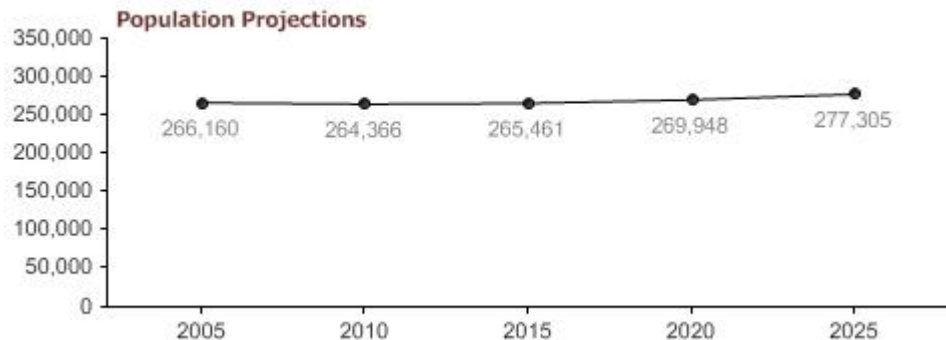
		Chg.	
1950	205,058	NA	NA
1960	238,614	33,556	16.4%
1970	244,827	6,213	2.6%
1980	241,617	-3,210	-1.3%
1990	247,052	5,435	2.2%
April 2000	265,559	18,507	7.5%
2008	266,680	1,121	0.4%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	266,160	264,366	265,461	269,948	277,305
Change Since 2005		-1,794	-699	3,788	11,145
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.7%	-0.3%	1.4%	4.2%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center